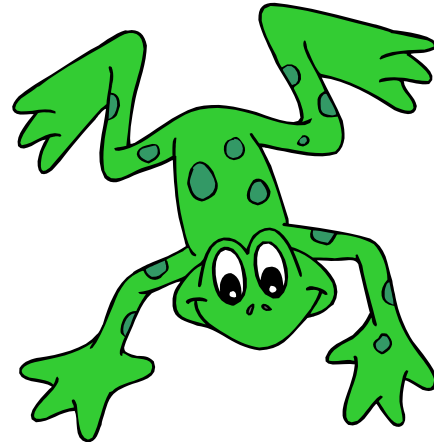


First Grade Leaps Into Learning

November 12, 2010



Reading News

This week we worked on the letters and sounds for **w** and **j**. Our new keys were ig, ing, ab, and ob.

Next week we will have the letters and sounds for **u** and **th**. Our keys will be ut, un, ink, and um. The new "circle words" will be **ask**, **out**, **people**, **says**, **when**, **your**, **eat**, **from**, **gone**, and **grows**.

You should have received Circle Words List #3 last week in the Friday folder. Please continue to help your child learn these keys and circle (sight) words. It is very important that your child knows them at "the instant recall level". Many of the words on the lists cannot be "sounded out" so your child needs to memorize them. Being able to instantly recognize these high-frequency words will make it easier for your child to focus on the meaning of what is read. If you need additional copies of List 1 or List 2, please let us know.

Math News

This week we worked on subtraction facts to 10. We reviewed both addition and subtraction in our class work and students took an addition and subtraction test (Math SOL 1.5).

Next week we will begin learning "**Addition Strategies**" to increase speed and accuracy in addition. The strategies for next week include "counting on 1 or 2", "turn around facts" such as $4+1=5$ and $1+4=5$, "count on from the greater number", and "use a number line to count on". The goal is to eliminate use of fingers or counters.

Use those flashcards to practice!

Enrichment News

This week we finished our study of the past, present, future, changes and how a time line shows changes over time (Soc. St. SOL 1.1). We also reviewed the facts, skills and concepts that we have been learning about during the first advisory to prepare to take the writing, science, social studies, and math "Benchmark" tests.

Next week we will be learning about the scientific concepts of force, motion, and energy (Science SOL 1.2).

Behavior News

Every morning we talk about the three things we *all* need to do to have a "GREAT GREEN DAY" and be a "GOOD CLASS".

- 1 Follow all the rules.
- 2 Use nice manners.
- 3 Work very hard to work and learn.

All the students have been working very hard to do those three things. Appropriate behavior in school is expected and needed for all students to have academic success. Using a quiet, inside voice has been their biggest challenge. Thank you for all your help and support to promote excellent school behavior!

Turkey Trot

Our annual Turkey Trot is scheduled for 9:30 Wednesday, November 24th. Weather permitting; we will walk down to the Warren County High School stadium to walk a mile. Be sure to check the weather forecast and dress your child accordingly.

Important Dates in November

- 17 - PTO Meeting 7:00 pm "Internet Safety"
- 18 - Report Card Day
- 24 - Early Release at 1:00 for holiday
- 25-26 - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation
- 30 - PTO Movie "Tangled" 4:00 pm

